

POLICY STATEMENT
TENNESSEE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATION

POLICY REGARDING
CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS - APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Any person who has applied for a license as an osteopathic physician who has one (1) misdemeanor conviction or a group of misdemeanor convictions all arising out of a single incident, which occurred five (5) or more years prior to the date of application for licensure *may not* be required to appear before the Board. The Board's administrator in consultation with a Board member is authorized to issue a temporary authorization pursuant to Section 63-1-142, and to determine whether or not the applicant is required to appear before the Board prior to the issuance of a license.

The following applicants are to be referred to the Tennessee Medical Foundation, physician's health program, if applicable and **ARE REQUIRED** to appear before the Board before any license can be issued:

1. Any applicant who has one (1) or more felony convictions, regardless of the date of the conviction;
2. Any applicant who has multiple misdemeanor convictions, not arising out of the same incident, regardless of the date of the conviction;
3. Any applicant who has been convicted of a sexual related offense, regardless of the category of the crime and regardless of the date of the conviction.
4. Any applicant who has any previous alcohol or drug related conviction(s), which occurred less than five (5) years prior to the date of application for licensure.

Adopted by the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination on this 14th day of November.